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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- 1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. The changes are necessary to correct minor typographic errors and thus do not affect the scope of the claimed invention. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
- 2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Charles Gunter, on June 11, 2004.
- 3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Page 4, line 3, after "does", -- not - has been inserted.

Page 4, last line, "following claims 1 to 6" has been deleted and replaced with:

-- claims which follow -

Page 6, line 6, "7 to 10" has been deleted.

End of Amendment.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the references of record teach or suggest calcium oxide product comprising grains of calcium oxide being surface-hydrated and coated with a protective coating of film-forming compound. The Nakanishi reference (JP 58-180225) teaches quicklime (i.e. CaO) powder

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being coated with an organic compound or polymer. The coating is formed by a solution of the coating material in an organic phase, and thus no hydrated layer can be formed on the surface of the powder as required in the instant claims.

- 5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
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